

# TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM

## SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES



Date: September 16, 2025

Time: 6:00 pm

### I. Call Meeting to Order and Establish a Quorum

The meeting was called to order, and a quorum was established by Select Board Chair, Joanne Joy, at 6:00 p.m. Select Board members participating were Joanne Joy, Mark Favreau, Jason Hodde, Allen Acker, and Nicole Briand, Town Manager. Pete Feeney was absent.

### II. Amendments to the Agenda

A. Updated MSAD 75 Community Use of School Facilities Policy

### III. Comments from the Public - None

### IV. Approve Consent Calendar - None

### V. Action Items

A. Act on Corrected FY2025-26 Tax Commitment

An assessor's assistant's input error led to an incorrect homestead exemption and reimbursement amount on the commitment approved September 9th. The Board considered how potential mil rates would affect both the overlay and taxpayers. Although the Town had no net budget increase this year, the overall tax rate is impacted by increases in the County's budget (up \$52,254 to \$810,432) and MSAD 75's budget (up \$444,194.24 to \$4,669,775.08).

**Favreau moved the Board set the tax rate for Fiscal Year 2026 at 22.11 (\$22.11 per \$1,000 of valuation) and approve the Assessors' Certification of Assessment, Municipal Tax Assessment Warrant, Certificate of Commitment, and the Certificate of Assessment, as presented; seconded by Hodde. Vote was 3-1. Acker opposed.**

### VI. Discussion Items

A. MSAD 75 Community Use of School Facilities Policy

The Select Board discussed the Community Use of School Facilities Policy that the MSAD 75 Board of Directors recently approved. In the policy changes towns will be charged for use of the school's facilities.

Acker spoke to Bowdoinham's school representative and fees have been suspended for this year. Board members as well as Jason Lamoreau, Recreation and Community Services Director, are not happy with this change to MSAD 75 policy. Acker plans to attend on September 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Acker moved the Board to take a position of zero pay what you can fees appropriated for use of MSAD 75 facilities for Bowdoinham municipal functions on school properties: seconded by Favreau. Vote was 4-0.**

Acker moved the Board have the Town Manager draft a letter on behalf of the Select Board and the Town that states we are in opposition to paying any fees for facilities that we already pay for, therefore, we believe all municipal functions should be permanently waived from the policy; seconded by Favreau. Vote was 4-0.

VII. **Comments from the Public - None**

VIII. **Adjourn**

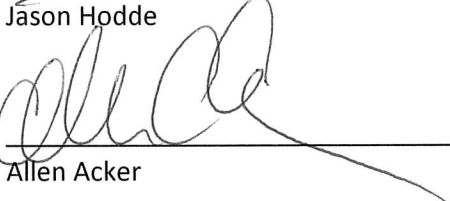
Adjournment was at 6:24 p.m.

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Town of Bowdoinham, Maine

  
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Mark Favreau, Vice-Chair

  
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Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Lisa-Marie Curtis, Administrative Assistant